

Book of Revelation, part 57

- I.** The Gentile empires that control the land of Israel—eight forms.
 - 1. Nebuchadnezzar ≈ 600 BC (v. 4 cf. 2:27-28).
 - 2. Medo-Parisian Empire ≈ 550 BC (v. 5 cf. 2:39).
 - 3. The Grecian under Alexander ≈ 330 BC (v. 6 cf. 2:38; 8:20-22; 11:2-4).
 - 4. The Roman Empire ≈ 26 BC to 450 AD (v. 7A cf. 2:40).
 - (Gap in time:** from dispersion of Jews, 70 AD, till their return to the Land after the Rapture.)
 - 5. The Revised Roman Empire—Western Alliance of 10 Kings. 10 toes (Dan. 2:42), 10 horns (Dan. 7:7).
 - 6. The Revised Roman Empire **II**—10 Kings plus the little horn, the Man of Sin (Dan. 7:8).
 - 7. The Revised Roman Empire **III**, 7 Kings plus the little horn, who is getting more powerful (Dan. 7:8).
 - 8. The Man of Sin is world-wide dictator (Rev. 17:12-13; 13:2).
- II.** The White horse—false peace (Rev. 6:2).
 - 1. A condition which is the opposite of war (6:4).
 - 2. False peace that everyone hopes for, clings to (Mt. 24:6; 1 Thes. 5:2-3).
 - 3. The beginning of the Tribulation, the Day of the Lord (Dan. 9:27; Rev. 6:17; 1 Thes. 5:2-3).
 - 4. The bow with no arrows mentioned—implied threat of the use of force.
 - 5. He conquers by peace (Dan. 8:23).
- III.** The Red horse—war (Rev. 6:3-4).
 - 1. The 5th through 7th forms of Gentile empires.
 - 2. The rebellion of three kings (Dan. 7:8).
 - 3. The brittle nature of the 10-king alliance (Dan. 2:42-43).
 - 4. The “little horn” becomes more dominate (Dan. 9:24).
- IV.** The Black horse—famine (Rev. 6:5-6).
 - 1. Balance scale—the measurement of grain will be important due to its shortage.
 - 2. “a measure”, a choenix-less than a quart.
 - 3. “penny”, a denarius—coin, a day’s wages (Mt. 20:2).

4. Famine conditions—collapse of agriculture stability.
5. “Do not harm the oil and wine”.
 - 1) Primitive preservatives (1 Tim. 5:23).
 - 2) Grain crops are outside subjected to the collateral damages of war.
 - 3) Oil and wine inside covered areas, relatively protected.

V. The Pale-green horse (Rev. 6:7-8).

1. Sickly color—image of decaying vegetation.
2. Rider is the condition of the process of death.
3. Hades follows—the destination of the dead—unsaved (cf. Mt. 16:18).
4. One-fourth of the earth’s population dies.
 - 1) By sword—warfare.
 - 2) By famine.
 - 3) By beasts.

VI. Meanwhile, the land of Israel is peaceful (Ez. 38:11).